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SAVANNAH MEN CHARGED WITH BOAT THEFT RING

SAVANNAH, GA: Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that the federal grand jury sitting in Savannah has returned an indictment against two Savannah men for transporting stolen boats from Florida into Georgia.

Fred Foley was charged with seven counts of Transportation of Stolen Goods in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2314, and one count of Theft by Receiving in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2315. Lawrence Greco was charged with one count of Theft by Receiving in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2315, and one count of Making a False Statement in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001. The indictment charges that between September 7, 2005 and December 21, 2005, Mr. Foley knowingly and unlawfully transported seven stolen boats across state lines. The indictment also alleges that Mr. Greco knowingly received one of the stolen boats— a 2004 27' Baja Power Boat and Trailer— which had crossed a State line after being stolen. These charges carry a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

Wood emphasized that an indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Wood praised the efforts of Special Agent Randy Thompson and the United States Coast Guard which led to the indictment.

The government is being represented by Assistant United States Attorneys Brian F. McEvoy and Jeffrey J. Buerstatte.

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